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Man in Life and Space

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TO OVERCOME, BE IN FULL ARMOUR

FACING the test of our time is not an affair of a single examination after which we are let off for good. It is a constant challenge. It is the permanent challenge of a moving, ever-changing cosmos in which and with which we exist. Its fields, influences, streams, forces and strains show up under special pressure in our day. This is the junction of two ages across which we find our lifespans stretched.

Will our life stand the strain? Or will the silver cord snap, releasing in death, once again, our inner being from the body vehicle - a body worn out prematurely, or struck by illness? Or will the challenge just grind our nerves till we collapse, landing in a psychiatrist's consulting room, in a hospital for wrecks, in an institution?

These are stirring questions - for these all are the very things we see happen to people around us these days!

Will the bombardment of modern IDEAS - Electronics! Surrealism! Drugs! The State! Strip-tease! Canned Music! Dagga! Speed! Keeping it up with the Smiths! Super-drama! Tranquilizers! Space Conquest! and a dozen more - will these H-bombs of modern man's mass mind shape your life? Will you allow Them to support you, make you feel important and up-to-date? Are these the means to tie you over moods & moments in which you have a feeling maybe of being a No-body, an empty shell?

And don't we see the moods and moments of emptiness, fear & boredom written across the faces of men?

Or will the pressures and stresses of present-day social and political life cut right into your moral character, split it open like a rotten beam, with every inner strength and resistance gone? Will the thoughtless, soulless ways of modern living eat away your armour of right thinking and honest action? And what of the dangers of falling into really evil habits where in the act of hurting others, the evil-doer little realises that there is no escape from the universal law of retribution?

The angles of attack, the traps, the lures, the kinds of strain, the fissures in this civilization's very foundation are a thousandfold! Only the whole, the healthy whole of yourself will be able to withstand: a healthy body with a wakeful mind, detached feeling and right action!

Are you sure of yourself? Do you possess your healthy whole? If not - you can acquire it.

GA's VISIT OFF!

While we write, a heavy controversy has sprung up in Holland around George Adamski and Queen Juliana consequent upon GA's audience at Soestdijk. We are awaiting reports from our own sources & reserve any comments till later.

Before these developments, it had been decided in recent consultations between Palomar Terraces and Pretoria to break off the World Tour at the end of August & to postpone GA's visit to Africa and South America.

The regret on all sides, not only our own, over this decision is tempered by a feeling that this step will prove of benefit to all concerned, mainly GA himself. We have little doubt that friends all over the continent will share this feeling upon learning that the World Tour programme has become a greater strain than could earlier be imagined. The demands upon GA were heavy right from the start. Matinee, evening lectures, extra get-togethers, press, radio and television interviews, the constant answering of questions people kept putting at all hours of the day & night - all this would have taxed the strength of quite younger men. As GA is giving freely of himself, it is only right that others watch over his fitness and health.

As for us, let us doubly ensure a visit tour in 1960!

Points from GA's lectures in Australia:

"LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS"

THE following compilation, approved for publication by George Adamski, is a reprint gratefully taken over from the April issue of "UFO-Bulletin", official organ of the UFO Investigation Centre, Sydney, Australia's biggest and highly reputed 'flying saucer' research organisation. Its interesting monthly publication is edited by A.P. Tomas, an expert on the Far East.

SOCIAL STRUCTURE: Scientists and philosophers respected by the people rule entire planets. As they are idealists having nothing but the Common Good in mind, they do not misuse the power placed in them. There are no national states on our sister planets. They must have passed through the painful stage of strife we are in, many ages ago.

ECONOMY: A planet is regarded as a home and all its wealth belongs to the people inhabiting it. Private ownership of natural resources is non-existent. Everything is owned by the Planetary Government, in fact by the Solar Federation because our sister planets are united in a sort of a federation. We seem to be the only ones out of it. There is no such thing as money on other planets. Like in the army you get your clothes when old ones are worn. You are fed when you are hungry. But in this Utopian system no one takes advantage of anyone else. Moral discipline is inborn and all want to help each other - this is how they had achieved the Brotherhood of Man. But do not think for one moment that the

individual is regimented and is a slave to the State. On the contrary, people on other planets have more freedom than we.

IDEOLOGY: It takes a Philosophy of Humanism to make people on other planets brothers. You may call them ideal Christians or ideal Buddhists - it does not matter which because we, on this planet, only talk about our religions but do not live them.

Our Space Brothers do not worship anything. They have something greater - Understanding. They feel themselves particles of the great Cosmic Whole which has no inside, no outside, no above, no below. When a being realises that it is a part of the Universe it will not hurt any other part of it.

Churches, temples are unknown on the solar system's other planets. But magnificent academies, forums, universities & schools are there for the upliftment of man & the expansion of horizons. Study begins with childhood and ends with old age.

FOOD: People on other planets are largely vegetarian. But on certain planets animal food is used in cases of emergency.

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Fruits, vegetables and cereals are the main items in their diet. Because of the natural way of life, sickness is unknown.

RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS: Our Space Brothers are not all alike. Some are dark, others are fair. Some are tall, others are short. Environment has something to do with the appearance as much as on this planet.

The beauty and intelligence of the Space People I have met, is the result of millions of years of evolution. Also it is the result of scientific experimentation in race breeding - which has produced a superman. The populations of planets are maintained at a certain level so that there would be enough food for all.

People on other planets mature quickly and live hundreds of years preserving their youth.

LANGUAGE: The inhabitants of other planets converse mainly by means of thought transference which is to them as natural as a walkie-talkie to us. However, I have heard space people speak. The language is slightly reminiscent of Chinese - this impression I get from having heard Chinese people talk.

(This seems to pertain foremost, or exclusively to the Venusian people. Compare also p. 205, "Flying Saucers Have Landed". - Ed.)

Hieroglyphics are used in writing but not extensively. As visatones can record any vibration and reproduce it, there is not much need of writing.

SCIENCE: The approach to science is somewhat different from ours. Our approach is generally negative. To us a thing does not exist unless there is proof to the contrary. To them everything is possible with time and the right conditions. No wonder they have progressed so far.

The key to the civilization on other planets lies in the understanding of that basic energy of the universe which they have mastered. I have seen it

work in propelling space ships.

HISTORY: In my discussions with the Space Brothers I have found confirmations of the ancient myths of Atlantis, the Great Flood, and a mighty cataclysm destroying a highly advanced civilization of a bygone age.

We are not regarded as the lowest type of human life. We are somewhere between the savage and the superman. But until we gain some moral advancement we will not be moving in the direction of the Superman.

GA AND THE PEOPLE

AT THE time of going to press we have not had any more news from England or Holland than was carried by the wire services, with the biting and ridiculing comment that could be expected from these quarters. We think that New Zealand liaison man Henk Hinfelaar's afterthoughts in his "Newsletter No. 11" give a much truer appraisal of GA's significance.

"It is apparent," he writes, "the world little realises how much this man is giving, for so many do not understand or appreciate the immensity of his task. Even many people who have reputedly studied the subject well are now revealing their lack of real understanding & their reluctance to do their own thinking when it is required of them. Many have sat back expecting GA to hand to them on a plate all knowledge & all answers, thereby saving them from the effort of any deeper thinking and logical reasoning of their own..."

Henk also tells of an interesting sighting at Lake Taupo, a few minutes before GA had left by car for Napier. "A group of discs with a mother-ship were seen flying about high above the lake, dancing about among the clouds, before they headed off in the direction of Napier. The sighting was reported in the Rotorua Post a day or two later. Another sighting came from Wanganui where a Minister reported seeing a large mothership circling the town. This, as was understood, was on the day of GA's lecture there..."

THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION

LAST TIME we closed when finding that terms such as 'spiritual communication' (quite apart from the similar one 'spirit communication'), are open to misunderstanding.

IN GA's case his space friends had made certain that his brain had grown, his mind developed to a point which met certain requirements before he was accepted as their "telepathic equal", so to speak. Further, one may "feel" the presence of a person yet may not know what is going on in the other one's mind; so this can hardly be classed as spiritual communication. Neither can be any sensitivity toward energy fields, such as from the space ships, the weather, etc. The claim, however, that space people establish spiritual contacts with us to give "instructions & teachings" rather borders on 'spirit communication' & therefore raises justified doubts.

(1) Communication between minds, generally: It presupposes quite a few points of equality or similarity in order to be successful & unmisinterpretable. Views, outlook, learning differ; one mind works fast, the other is slow in grasping - all this and many another difference in quality & contents of minds can give rise to misunderstanding, unpleasantness, & even enmity. Thus, a successful communication between any minds depends on their belonging to the same class of development. There would be no point in a Master's trying to establish telepathic contact with a man possessing an undeveloped mind - as little as there would be in the attempt to explain the radio to somebody who has never heard of our physics of electricity - while Masters amongst themselves would use telepathy as their natural mode of communication. Likewise, why should advanced space travellers seek to establish telepathic or 'spiritual' or psychic contact with earthmen who in comparison with them possess only backward & undeveloped minds? What would they have to tell

these earthmen by such communicational methods that they could not tell them better, clearer, plainer, less misinterpretable in so many spoken words? What measure of concordance so as to justify "telepathic contact" would there be between some "space commander with 500000 saucers behind him" (if such a one really existed!) & the mind of some ordinary gentleman between Sao Paulo and Chicago, never heard of before? None! Thus the basic test for all investigation into psychicism holds good also in UFOlogy: study the class of mind of the 'recipient'. Invariably such recipient will show little proof of having a truly developed mind. Instead his or her "messages" will abound in extraordinary 'facts', 'claims', 'prophecies', 'revelations', 'promises', 'inventions' or 'discoveries' - all unproven & unsubstantiated. Yes, they may SOUND extraordinary but that is all there is to it & little have they to do with extraordinariness of the mind!

(2) "Instructions": Well, one takes instructions only from somebody one knows, isn't it? Yet psychicism in UFOlogy collects bagfuls of instructions from alleged "space people" of whom they have never heard more than 'a voice' or had a 'vision'. They never question the authority of these "people" under whose influence they nilly-willy place themselves! They have no way how to identify these participants at the other end of the line - which mostly is only a circuit even in their own heads. Yet again & again these psychics succeed in impressing countless other and innocent people with such "instructions". There is consequently a vast amount of disappointment when these claims, assertions, instructions and promises come to nothing. But this fact is conveniently passed over. One seldom hears of these their disappointments in individuals' lives.

(3) Similarly with "teachings": For ever & ever the method of teaching amongst men has been by unmistakable communication between people well identifiable to each other. Man is taught by example; and learning is by copying, repeating the

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example! This is the trusted method between cat & kitten, father & son, granny & child, teacher & scholar, scientist & student, master & apprentice, adept & chela, Jesus & his disciples, Buddha & his followers. The only ones on earth who have no use for this method are the visionaries, sensitives, mediums, sitters or other occultists who let themselves be used as loudspeakers of a further or 3rd agency whose true identity nobody can correctly establish! Are we in UFOlogy supposed to accept such unidentifiable agencies as unquestioningly as these psychicists do their so-called "contacts"? No! Let us prefer to stick to the proven & universal method and abide the time when our friends from space will come in person to speak to us by word of mouth!

"I agree. Yet if you permit me to deviate from the UFOlogical aspect - aren't there spirit guides & guardian angels? Must there not somewhere be baby beginnings, as perhaps with the messages from our deceased ones, so that we can develop & later be introduced to our guardian angel?"

Again, all depends on what one understands by your expressions used. But according to ancient wisdom & taken at their face value - the answer to both questions is No! There are spiritual leaders - as teachers, Gurus for the individual, as Arahats & Bodhisattvas for whole races & all mankind. They lead & show the way but, & here is a difference, they do not guide. Because each soul must find as well as go its own way! In the Biblical centuries, beings from advanced humanities on other planets were called gods & angels, and those who kept our fate under observation, the guardians. There is no guardian angel for the individual except his own inner man. According to the same teaching there are no spirits that can give other guidance than at the most rather detrimental one, since "spirits" fall into the two classes of, objectively, illusionary and, subjectively, self-delusory, psychological phenomena & thus do not contain higher mind in their own right. For this same reason deceased persons Approach - May, 1959

cannot give messages since the PERSON with its higher principles has gone into the resting stage while what remains of the PERSONALITY may, apart from the decaying corpse, be a vast array of residual energetic principles, ranging from memory impressions of the deceased one in our mind, to external shell-like fields & constituents of parapsychological order which are also subject to decomposition. Deceased is deceased, whether a material corpse or the usually invisible psychological & other materials! There is no need therefore, to fiddle around with them for 'baby beginnings'. We don't dig up dead rats in order to later learn all about the comradeship a dog can give, neither would guardian angels (if there were) teach us suchlike approaches.

Our inner man, i.e. the higher, the already 'knowing' principles within, is our guardian and angel, to every one his very own, self-created through an immense course of time, forever reliable - if we have learned how to understand him! These, your inner higher principles have no need to seek contact with your Outer Self by way of messages, guides or materialisations! ON THE CONTRARY, the Wise Teachers have always asked us to acquire the stillness within AND TO KEEP ALL THOSE PHENOMENAL DISTRACTIONS OUT!

Before we close to-day: In a letter a friend tells us that (last time) "you have made an unwarranted attack on mediumship, and I feel distressed at the thought of your next issue's tirade. I feel that mediumship is a sacred trust. If some fail, surely that is no argument against the use of the power of the Spirit. I hope you will see the light and not mislead others".

Dear Friend: 1. APPROACH's stand is, squarely, on ancient doctrine's & cosmic teaching's ground.

2. We therefore feel differently about mediumship & its claims on the 'power of the Spirit'.

3. We attack nobody but disapprove of all misleading done by mediumism, especially in UFOlogy.

4. As our different lights are diametrically opposed, evidently they cannot be bridged.

"Africa Region Liaison Group"

Although we had most unfavourable weather all over the Union on Whitsuntide Sunday the 17th, with rains & icy winds blowing, those of us who did venture into the open on this first world wide Flying Saucer Contact Day, did enjoy the outing very much! Particularly the combined Pretoria-Rand-Johannesburg group, who met exactly half-way near Bapsfontein, experienced a wonderful morning and early afternoon, though watching in vain the drifting low-hanging clouds, hoping for a sighting, and for the sun to come through. They can say they have kept the appointment. And if it was only the appointment with their own enthusiasm, and spirit of solidarity, and conviction of the existence of Man throughout the cosmos - then it was perfectly worthwhile to have joined in the effort.

Our thanks go to Mr. Bunton, Pretoria, for all the arrangements! Somebody must be missing a rubber cushion in a brownish material slip which was left behind. Please phone 70-6867.

Two different sightings have been reported by friends near Pretoria during the past four weeks. They and their witnesses described glowing objects which travelled fast & noiselessly.

Book Review

SUBTLETIES AND ALL THAT

DANA HOWARD: The Strange Case of Lobsang Rampa. Llewellyn Publications, Ltd., Los Angeles, 1958. (13/-, APPROACH's Book Order Service.)

We have met Miss Howard in these pages before (I, No. 10). As we are very much interested in Dr. Rampa, we looked forward to reading this small, attractively designed & printed volume with some eagerness. Well, well! It is certainly a great pity that such a talented and by no means un fascinating writer as Miss Howard should again have rushed into print with sweeping statements and hardly quite adequate information or rather knowledge. If she left the occult alone & changed to travel, fiction, historical novel writing she would make her mark and a pretty good one too. As it is we have to wade through many an unoriginal view, irrelevant quotations from 'Over the Threshold', meaningless, oft-repeated platitudes, few facts & many speculations, wrong or distorted concepts & notions about the human aura & the third eye, and at last some disconnected notes about Dr. Rampa. To our mind, this will just not do. If it be necessary at all to try & write

extensively about the author of 'The Third Eye' at this stage, then the logical point to start from were an appraisal of the tradition from which his writing stems - Mahayana or rather esoteric Buddhism. Even from a point of view of participation in the controversy about the so-called Rampa 'case', the contribution here is necessarily limited. We feel we have been able to say substantially more (see Vol. I, No. 2 to 5). Maybe we expected too much and the writer only wanted to drive home the point that - to simplify - people should keep an open mind when coming across men like T. Lobsang Rampa.

Finally, we fail to see why the Little Death initiation described in 'Third Eye' should be "morbid", nor why the coming of space craft must mean the beginning of a "better world". Better MEN must come first, with or without space craft. She also talks of "those of us who have delved deeply into the subtle sciences", a joke that must even make the Masters chuckle with delight. It has long been evident that what these New Agers are doing is, apart from delving, little more than tampering and ignorant tinkering. Beware, ye Delvers - for what you call the "subtle sciences" is also a dragon that spouts fire!

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